

What is abc day?

“abc day stands for a bethel community day and because we don't have per-say a city in this area other than roy which is an incorporated city basically the bethel school district hosts this day the first saturday of every October for the community. So families whether they have kids in the bethel school district or not come and we have everything from vendors to food trucks to community partners that are here to help, health partners that are here to help out, just for people to come and have a great place to congregate and interact with each other”

What does abc day accomplish?

“I think that it builds a connection with people to gather and through the community to find out what resources are out there for community business and it provides for local businesses to get the word out about what they offer to people and lots of opportunities for kids, they have hay rides, they have superhero children's parade, kids can come and walk through that dressed up in costumes “

What did our school have to do for it?

“Ok so we rotate between our school and GK every other year for hosting them, so this year we started planning back in the spring as soon as we heard that we were gonna bring it back after covid, so we met once a week as a building leadership team with the district community partnership to start planning on vendor student fight, we did a 5k run, planned what food trucks we were going to invite, what partners and businesses we were going to invite, so a lot of planning goes into it, we have our cheerleaders to come on and help cheer for the people that did the 5k run in the morning, we had our air force cadets here that were ROTC cadets that were helping with parking and logistics, a lot of work came from ROTC to make it happen”

What did you have to do?

“My role was to participate in the meetings back in spring once a week to help bring ideas to the meetings, i contacted the cheerleaders in the district, helped make sure that the people had maintenance here to make sure that we actually had backup generators for electricity to make sure that our building was up and running and ready to host”

How long had abc day been going on for?

“ABC Day has been running for 12 years. If we had not had to cancel for COVID, it would have been running for 14 years.”

J BROWER is head of community connections

When was the last time our school did ABC day?

“ I wanna say that it was probably back in the fall of 2018, GK hosted it in the fall of 2019 before covid”

What did you learn from this experience?

“I learned about all the different partnerships that we have in the community, i think that's really

cool that we have community health that we have the pierce county skill center, the pierce county health department that was here, we even had the pirates from point Ruston , so i think all the different community connections we have i see here, what i learned too is how awesome it is for kids to come and to just interact with people and its a free day for families and they don't have to pay anything, no admission fees, theres all these great activities, what we're trying to do next year is when its at GK for the future is to try and get more teenage voices, the littles kids come and you guys may wanna come too and we get a lot of our leadership kids involved but how do we get more teenagers involved? Like giving them a voice of their own so they can be heard, cause we have the cool costume parade for kids, so what can we do for teenagers? We could do like a E sports tournament that can drive you guys to come and that I love too as we have a lot of performances from local bands, our schools perform but also local other bands to music groups so it's kinda fun to see them all come together.”